

ENROLLED ACTS OF 1917 LEGISLATURE

DIGESTED SUMMARY OF ALL
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THE SESSION.

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Lansing. The 1917 legislature has adjourned, except for the formality of getting the governor's report on its acts as presented to him, when it will adjourn sine die. The legislature adopted a total of 398 acts, 230 of them being house acts and 168 senate acts. Also it adopted eight joint resolutions. Two of these are proposed constitutional amendments that remain to be voted upon in November, 1918.

The house not only passed many constructive acts, but killed off some that appeared dangerous and others of the so-called ripper class for which hard battles were put up by their advocates. Following is a digested summary of all the enrolled acts of the session:

HOUSE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—Proposal to amend the constitution by extending right of absent voting to those in military or naval service of the state or nation, in the actual service of the state or nation in any other way, in railway service, or in vessel service on the Great Lakes. Submitted to the people in the April election and adopted.

No. 2.—Proposal to amend the constitution so as to permit drainage districts to issue bonds for payment of taxes. Submitted to the people in the April election and adopted.

No. 3.—Proposal to amend the constitution so as to empower the state to purchase the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad, and to provide for the sale of the state at cost of production. Submitted to the people in the April election and adopted.

No. 4.—Proposal to amend the constitution so as to provide for the removal of the state capital from Lansing to the city of Lansing, Michigan. Submitted to the people in the April election and adopted.

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SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—Proposal to amend the constitution so as to provide for optional county road systems. Submitted to the people in the April election and adopted.

No. 2.—Proposal to amend the constitution so as to raise the salaries of the secretary of state and the auditor general and state treasurer from \$2,500 to \$4,000 a year. Submitted to the people in the April election and defeated on unofficial count.

No. 3.—Proposal to amend constitution so as to print all proposed constitutional amendments in the constitution book to be voted upon in November, 1918.

HOUSE ENROLLED BILLS.

Act No. 1.—Permits counties which do not receive their tax rolls on scheduled time to give taxpayers 60 days following the receipt of the rolls to pay taxes before they become delinquent. This bill, passed to save Wayne County from delinquency the year ending in 1917, and which for any reason do not in the future get their tax rolls on time.

No. 2.—Admits to Michigan Home and Training school.

No. 3.—Provides for annual contracts for fuel and stationery for the state capitol.

No. 4.—Provides for straightening out ownership of land at St. Clair Flats.

No. 5.—Provides for granting of teachers' certificates to all graduates from a year college courses who have had a year of normal training.

No. 6.—Sets limit of cash banks in other than reserve cities must keep on hand at one-third of their reserve.

No. 7.—Amends law relating to school districts with more than 75 children of school age to organize as a graded school district.

No. 8.—Amends law relating to false alarm of fire in any public place.

No. 9.—Allows remodeling of courts of Saginaw by the county board of justice of the peace court and replacing with one city court.

No. 10.—Authorizes township boards to borrow up to \$10,000 for current expenses when township falls to vote funds.

No. 11.—Grants to villages of 250 inhabitants or more the right to own and operate water works.

No. 12.—Provides deputy probate registers in Wayne County.

No. 13.—Compels state to pay expenses of trials for offenses by prisoners within prison walls.

No. 14.—Permits supervisors in counties where fair grounds are owned by the county, to appropriate money for buildings, fences, etc.

No. 15.—Relieves lessee of building from rent payments under his lease for all seasons held by state of prisoners when the county board of justice of the peace court and replacing with one city court.

No. 16.—Grants to villages of 250 inhabitants or more the right to own and operate lighting plants.

No. 17.—Advises school officials to those subject to the law.

No. 18.—Places at 50 cents per \$100 valuation highway improvement tax on all property in townships assessed at \$500,000 or more, and at 25 cents per \$100 valuation in townships of less than \$500,000 valuation is limited to \$1 per \$100 valuation.

No. 19.—Holds as public wagon road those on boundaries of incorporated villages or cities or those passing through villages and built before the villages were incorporated.

No. 20.—Requires that cities under commission form of government must file with auditor general plans of subdivisions and changes in streets and alleys.

No. 21.—Provides that in Port Huron the school tax shall not exceed the per capita rate fixed at the regular meeting of the school district.

No. 22.—Appropriates \$15,725 for improvements at the regular meeting of the school district.

No. 23.—Appropriates \$2,500 for a storage house for coal at the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

No. 24.—Places pay of village officials in villages of less than 1,500 population at \$1 per meeting attended, total not to exceed \$25 a year, and at \$1 per meeting, with annual limit of \$60, in villages of more than 1,500 population.

No. 25.—Amends law relating to issue of percent funding bonds to take care of floating indebtedness; bonds limited to 25 percent.

No. 26.—Gives circuit court commissioners in certain counties extra jurisdiction in chancery cases at circuit judges' court. Streper has vetoed this bill as unconstitutional.

No. 27.—Amends military law to make them conform to federal defense act. Allows governor to form home guard of 1,000 men during absence of National Guard, provided for war preparedness board to assist governor; allows \$25 a month to soldiers' wives and \$25 a month for children under 16, allows \$500 death benefit for soldiers and up to \$500 casualty benefit.

No. 28.—Appropriates \$91,200 for additional farm lands at Jackson prison in 1918; and \$120,000 in 1919.

No. 29.—Prohibits spearing of fish in Muskegon lake, Muskegon county.

No. 30.—Requires that dower claims in realty must be filed in six months if of 25 years standing.

No. 31.—Provides that three or more persons may form corporations for promoting forest preservation, establishing museums, parks or other public welfare projects in Wayne County.

No. 32.—Nomination of guardian by a minor may be certified before a notary public.

No. 33.—Secretary of state must post in each election precinct statement of purpose of constitutional amendments that are to be voted upon.

No. 34.—Incorporated Protestant Episcopal churches must hold annual meetings in Wayne County.

No. 35.—Permits incorporation of grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

No. 36.—Permits the re-incorporation of Presbyterian churches under same law as they incorporated.

No. 37.—Makes salaries of circuit court stenographers in the Wayne circuit courts \$2,000 a year.

No. 38.—Provides that where a corporation has no answer to a suit filed against it, any stockholder or person having an interest in the corporation may sue to protect their interests.

No. 39.—Makes salary of circuit court stenographer in Hillsdale circuit \$1,300 a year.

No. 40.—Provides that county road commissioners shall employ engineers to plan county roads.

No. 41.—Allows change of armory site after gift of land by agreement of county board of trustees.

No. 42.—Advances \$50,000 for immediate use for armories out of fund to be available in 1918 and 1921.

No. 43.—Allows for state pay of \$2 a day to national guardsmen at encampments and maneuvers.

No. 44.—Provides for sale at auction of mining stock when owner fails to pay assessments within 60 days.

No. 45.—Provides for payment of salary to circuit court work to be paid \$2.50 a day, exclusive of travel expenses.

No. 46.—Establishes standard 2, 4, and 12-quart fruit baskets.

No. 47.—Establishes standards for Michigan apples, in four grades, and requires packing by standard, with marker of packer's name and address.

No. 48.—Authorizes city of Cheboygan to bond for \$25,000.

No. 49.—Authorizes township and city officials to fill vacancies in the office of justice of the peace.

No. 50.—Requires township officials to care for and maintain the cemetery to be collected later from the person ill, or from those responsible for his care.

No. 51.—Establishes county work farms to issue bonds for payment of taxes. Prisoners may be sentenced directly to them and may be sent from counties not having such farms.

No. 52.—Raises salaries of employees of state treasurer's office, from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year.

No. 53.—Sets age of boys sentenced to industrial school at from 12 to 17; boys under 17 when sentenced may be kept in the school.

No. 54.—Appropriates \$5,000 for books for traveling libraries.

No. 55.—Establishes School for Blind to convey to city of Lansing strip of land in exchange for closing of street.

No. 56.—Establishes memorial of sale of land stand as memorandum of contract of sale.

No. 57.—Appropriates \$10,000 to meet deficiency in current fund of Industrial School for Girls.

No. 58.—Allows for increase of state reward on class B and C.

No. 59.—Provides for exemption of private forest reserves from taxation, but not per cent tax levied on timber cut from them.

No. 60.—Prohibits importations of bees without license from Michigan.

No. 61.—Standardizes barrels for fruits and vegetables, capacity to be 7.05 cubic inches. Law is effective September 1.

No. 62.—Sets at \$3 a day pay of members of township boards of review.

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No. 121.—Places salary of deputy state highway commissioner at \$2,500 a year; appropriates \$70,000 to run department for next 2 years.

No. 122.—Repeals barbers' act so as to allow one barber shall be on state board. Apprentices must serve two years.

No. 123.—Permits issuance of kindergarten teachers' certificates to graduates of four year high school courses.

No. 124.—Children over 14 not entitled to work permits unless they have completed sixth grade school course.

No. 125.—Calls for registration of threshing machines and obtaining of state report facts from threshing done.

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No. 130.—Grades roads in separate departments in A, B, C, D, E, and F grades; salaries ranging from \$800 a year in F to \$1,300 in A.

No. 131.—Permits state highway commissioner to arrange for state to pay half of cost of bridge on boundary of city or village.

No. 132.—Provides \$5 to \$20 fine for anyone who scatters seed of noxious weeds along highway.

No. 133.—Establishes optional courses of military training in high schools.

No. 134.—Prohibits using firearms, spears or anything that is capable of inflicting death or other protected furbearing animals.

No. 135.—Prohibits imports of trees or shrubs from places where diseases affect growth.

No. 136.—Admits to state public school at Coldwater blind children under six years of age pending provision for them at school for blind, and also admits crippled and children whose cases paid for.

No. 137.—Provides for a soil and economic survey of Michigan and appropriate reports.

No. 138.—Authorizes annual taxes to meet interest on school bonds.

No. 139.—Regulates sale of hunting licenses.

No. 140.—County road commissions to take care of roads in city of Lansing and township to have voice in village good roads districts.

No. 141.—Proof of publication of annual school report must be filed by August 15 with county school commissioner.

No. 142.—Provides for joint action through probate courts in cases where drains pass through more than one county.

No. 143.—Makes it a misdemeanor to steal from cultivated and enclosed lands any growing things.

No. 144.—Townships may vote to discontinue township road plan and come under county road commission.

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No. 225.—Allows Wayne county four more circuit judges, to be elected in November, 1918.

No. 226.—Dog license receipts, except in large cities, to go into fund to reimburse farmers for sheep killed by dogs.

No. 227.—Amends compensation law to care for men engaged in seasonal occupations, by having "average annual earnings" held to be 52 times the average weekly wage at the time of the accident for which compensation is sought, and to be six times the daily wage the employee is earning at the time of the accident.

No. 228.—Provides for the branding of mattresses and prohibiting the use of any unsanitary materials in their manufacture.

No. 229.—Authorizes the incorporation Grand and Suburban Councils of Esquimaux.

No. 230.—Appropriates \$150,000 for the maintenance of the Michigan Soldiers' Home for the next two years.

No. 231.—Amends 61 sections of the Civil Code.

No. 232.—Amends the registration laws. Voters may register at any time with city, village or township clerk.

No. 233.—Permits city of Flint to vote on repealing justice court jury act.

No. 234.—Compels the state to pay half the value of cattle kept according to sanitary requirements that are ordered killed as tubercular.

No. 235.—Provides one year in prison or \$500 fine for anyone who fraudulently over-draws bank account by check.

No. 236.—Waives personal service in suits for recovery of real estate.

No. 237.—Appropriates \$25,000 for a dormitory at the Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, for students of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

No. 238.—Allows adjoining townships and villages to organize health districts.

No. 239.—Increases regular appropriation for department of labor to \$55,000 a year; raises salary of commissioner from \$2,000 to \$2,500, deputy from \$1,500 to \$1,800 and inspectors from \$1,300 to \$1,500.

No. 240.—Provides for license costing \$1 a year for a license for market for market to eating places must show where from food comes from.

No. 241.—Limits motor trucks to 13 cubic feet weight, and 13 cubic feet weight, ranging from 1,600 pounds on wagon with one inch tires to 12,500 pounds on truck with 5-inch tires.

No. 242.—Permits sale of rights of way over state lands to public utility corporations.

No. 243.—Limits gun-carrying license to two years.

No. 244.—Makes it misdemeanor to fail to pay child support or to fail to obtain child.

No. 245.—Allows townships to consolidate school districts if majority of electors approve.

No. 246.—Provides courses of training in civil service institutions.

No. 247.—Allows supervisors to establish county libraries.

No. 248.—Prohibits benefit associations shall not include current business in valuation statements.

No. 249.—Appropriates \$50,000 for county fair in 1917 and 1918.

No. 250.—Makes Grand Rapids area school district.

No. 251.—Raises salary of stenographer in Jackson circuit court at \$2,400.

No. 252.—Authorizes sale of industrial sites in Lansing and purchase of new sites.

No. 253.—Amends Agricultural college to pay paying tax.

No. 254.—Allows Jackson prison to raise money on manufactured products for purchase of raw materials.

No. 255.—Prohibits school districts having 30,000 or more people may install two years of college courses.

No. 256.—Prohibits use of unused land at College of Mines, Houghton.

No. 257.—Authorizes \$50,000 loan by state; loan to run 20 years, bonds to pay 4 per cent, and \$250,000 a year be placed in sinking fund to redeem them. Specifies purposes for which money may be used.

No. 258.—Michigan School for Deaf, in Flint, and School for Blind, in Lansing, to be closed January 1, 1918. Drafts a budget for consideration of the next legislature.

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